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REMARKS

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1. On 3 November 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne in Zeitz was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 25 October, about 800 to 1,000 troops had fallen in in the barracks yard. On 29 October, an undetermined number of troops were maintenancing 5 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 25X1 in front of the repair shop. Between 25 October and 3 November, training included almost exclusively cleaning and maintenancing of tanks and motor vehicles. On 8 November, about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia left the installation toward the town for a ceremony commemorating the October revolution. [redacted] 25X1

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2. Between 25 October and 3 November, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by about 1,300 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 550 troops with artillery insignia, about 400 troops with tank and motor transport insignia and the others without branch of service insignia. On 2 November, T 34-/85 25X1 tank [redacted] was being maintenanced in front of the repair shop. On 3 November, 800 troops were lined up for a roll call and were addressed by an officer. A lieutenant colonel was commanding officer of the unit. No training other than maintenance work on motor vehicles and weapons was observed. On 8 November, about 650 troops were lined up in the barracks yard. They were to participate in the ceremonies. On 9 November, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia left the installation for the training area near Elsterwehr. The troops carried entrenching tools.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The units of the 20th
25X1 Gds Mecz Div can again be carried in Zeitz. Previous information indicated that the Artillerie Kaserne west of Friedenstrasse was occupied by the 36th (?) Gds Tank Regt (US) and the 24th Gds RL Bn (US) and the Infanterie Kaserne east of Friedenstrasse by the 67th Gds Mecz Regt.

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